

VISION SCREENING - AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE LICENSING PROCESS

All Maryland driver's license applicants and renewals must meet certain requirements and pass a vision screening in order to receive a license. Vision screening may be performed by the MVA, or your vision specialist can do it for you. This brochure details the vision requirements and provides the necessary forms you may need in the process.

USING THIS FORM

The MVA staff will screen your vision when you apply for or renew a license. If you fail to meet the requirements or the MVA has questions about your vision, you may be referred to a vision specialist before the license is issued. If you don't want the MVA to screen your vision, please give this form to your vision specialist for completion, then present the completed form to the MVA when you apply for your license.

Important Notes:

- Please be advised that if you have monovision you will be unable to successfully pass the vision screening at the MVA. It is highly recommended that you visit your ophthalmologist/optometrist to complete this form. Please bring the completed form with you to the MVA.
- Vision exams must have taken place within the last 12 months. Vision specialists may record the results of a previous exam providing it was conducted within the last 12 months.
- This form may not be used for persons with best corrected visual acuity levels worse than 20/70.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE CONTACT:

MARYLAND MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION:

410-768-7000

(to speak with a customer representative)

1-800-492-4575 TTY for the Hearing Impaired

Or visit: **www.MVA.Maryland.gov**



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Vision Screening and Requirements

FOR THE
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DRIVER'S LICENSE



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DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for an unrestricted driver's license, the State of Maryland requires driver's to have:

- Binocular vision
- Visual acuity (Snellen) of at least 20/40 in each eye
- A continuous field of vision of at least 140 degrees

Restricted licenses may be issued to persons having:

- Visual acuity of at least 20/70 in one or both eyes
- A continuous field of vision of at least 110 degrees, with at least 35 degrees lateral to the midline of each side

Note: These two requirements must be simultaneous.

Persons with visual acuity levels less than 20/70, but no worse than 20/100, require special handling by the MVA's Glen Burnie Headquarters. Please contact the MVA at 410-768-7000 for information and special forms.

COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for commercial driver's licenses must meet both state and federal vision requirements. The minimum federal requirements are:

- Binocular vision
- Visual acuity (Snellen) of at least 20/40 or better in each eye
- A field of vision of at least 70 degrees in each eye
- The ability to distinguish between red, green and amber colors

You cannot qualify for any Maryland driver's license if:

- You cannot achieve visual acuity levels of 20/100 or better, using either one or both eyes (without telescopic lens)
- You cannot achieve at least 110 degrees continuous field of vision

This Form May Be Used to Record:

- MVA's vision screening results, if the screening has taken place
- Your vision specialist's examination results

DRIVER/PATIENT'S FULL NAME _____

DRIVER/PATIENT'S MARYLAND DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER _____

MVA Vision Screening Results

Findings from MVA's Vision Screening (For MVA Use Only)

	RIGHT EYE	LEFT EYE	BOTH EYES
ACUITY WITHOUT LENSES	20/	20/	20/
ACUITY WITH PRESENT LENSES	20/	20/	20/
FIELD OF VISION (in degrees)	degrees	degrees	degrees
FIELD OF VISION CONTINUOUS?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES		<input type="checkbox"/> NO
COLOR VISION PROBLEMS?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES		<input type="checkbox"/> NO
MVA EMPLOYEE:	MVA OFFICE:	DATE:	

Vision Specialist's Examination Results and Certification

VISION EXAM DATE _____

Diagnosis (if applicable): _____

Please note: The Snellen test must be used.

	RIGHT EYE	LEFT EYE	BOTH EYES
ACUITY WITHOUT LENSES	20/	20/	20/
ACUITY WITH PRESENT LENSES	20/	20/	20/
ACUITY WITH BEST STANDARD SPECTACLE CORRECTION	20/	20/	20/
FIELD OF VISION (in degrees)	degrees	degrees	degrees
BINOCULAR VISION?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES		<input type="checkbox"/> NO

Please do not enter acuities achieved by telescopic lenses in this chart.

- Are corrective lenses (standard spectacle or contact lenses) needed to meet visual distance requirements for driving? ☐ Yes ☐ No If corrective lenses are needed, has patient acquired the lenses? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Will treatment improve this patient's vision for driving? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please describe: _____
- Does this patient meet the continuous field of vision requirements specified by the MVA? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Did the examination reveal any medical reason that could preclude granting a license? ☐ Yes ☐ No **(If yes, please submit a complete report for the MVA's Medical Advisory Board.)**
- For commercial licenses only: Can this patient distinguish between red, green and amber colors? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- The commercial driver must provide updated medical documentation for the entire duration of their CDL. Drivers must bring the documentation to the MVA when applying for a new, renewing, correcting or duplicating a CDL.
- Even if this individual is presently eligible to renew by mail, I understand I may contact the Medical Advisory Board for follow-up if I later detect any change in visual acuity that may affect fitness to drive.

I certify, under penalty of perjury that the information contained hereon is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

OPHTHALMOLOGIST/OPTOMETRIST'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

OPHTHALMOLOGIST/OPTOMETRIST'S PRINTED NAME _____

LICENSED TO PRACTICE: ☐ MEDICINE ☐ OPHTHALMOLOGY

☐ OPTOMETRY IN THE STATE OF _____

OPHTHALMOLOGIST/OPTOMETRIST'S PHONE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____